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Congressional News

Congress has been on August break and will return to the Nation's Capitol after the Labor Day Holiday.

Arizona State Senator John McCain toured the Resolution Copper Mining site, and Grand Canyon Uranium Mining sites with US Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar and Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick (CD-1) on August 21st. A public forum was also held in Superior, Arizona after the conclusion of the copper mine tour. Secretary Salazar was invited by the Senator to tour these sites in an effort to garner some support from the Administration for legislation involving a land exchange to Resolution Copper, LLC for use as a mining claim. The Senators McCain and Kyl are sponsoring S.409, which has not had a full committee mark-up to date. Several state elected officials also attended the public forum.

Included in this congressional update is the addition of several newly introduced mining and reclamation measures with various provisions for remediation of abandoned mines, changes in permitting, fees, and royalties.

One of the last House Natural Resource Committee mark-ups, before the August break, included the 'Duck Stamp' bill, which would amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act and increase the price of the Duck Stamp from \$15 to \$25 for each hunting year. Several amendments were offered during the mark-up, and most were voted down. Some of the provisions of the amendments that were adopted by the committee include:

- Prohibition of stamp revenue to be used for acquiring federal property through the 'condemnation' process
- The addition of 4 more members of Congress to the Migratory Bird Commission
- Exemptions for the fee increase would include those 65 years and older, and those 19 years and younger

Congressional Legislation 2009 September, 2009 Bill Tracking List

**Highlighted information indicates that the information has changed or been added since the last issue of the Congressional Courant.*

**The Arizona Game and Fish Commission's formal positions on legislation are indicated in the summaries below.*

H.R.45 Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009

Title: To provide for the implementation of a system of licensing for purchasers of certain firearms and for a record of sale system for those firearms, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Rush, Bobby L.](#) [IL-1] (introduced 1/6/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.48 Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act

Title: To amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, popularly known as the Lacey Act, to add certain species of carp to the list of injurious species that are prohibited from being imported or shipped.

Sponsor: [Rep Biggert, Judy](#) [IL-13] (introduced 1/6/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.80 Captive Primate Safety Act

Title: To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Blumenauer, Earl](#) [OR-3] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (27)

Related Bills: [S.462](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 118.

Senate Reports: [111-53](#)

H.R.146 Striker-Public Lands Omnibus 2009

Title: An act to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Holt, Rush D.](#) [NJ-12] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (10)

Related Bills: [H.RES.280](#), [H.R.165](#), [H.R.166](#), [H.R.169](#), [H.R.170](#), [H.R.234](#), [H.R.279](#), [H.R.280](#), [H.R.283](#), [H.R.286](#), [H.R.316](#), [H.R.328](#), [H.R.337](#), [H.R.338](#), [H.R.351](#), [H.R.369](#), [H.R.401](#), [H.R.404](#), [H.R.408](#), [H.R.410](#), [H.R.419](#), [H.R.438](#), [H.R.453](#), [H.R.454](#), [H.R.455](#), [H.R.488](#), [H.R.545](#), [H.R.552](#), [H.R.602](#), [H.R.604](#), [H.R.763](#), [H.R.921](#), [H.R.1435](#), [H.R.1694](#), [S.22](#)

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 111-11 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)] 3/30/09.

Note: Omnibus land bill.

H.R.324 Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Act

Title: To establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (1)

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Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.325 Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project

Title: To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/8/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R.326 Cocopah Lands Act

Title: To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/8/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

H.R.388 Crane Conservation Act of 2009

Title: To assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes.

Sponsor: [Rep Baldwin, Tammy](#) [WI-2] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (11)

Related Bills: [S.197](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 119.

Senate Reports: [111-54](#)

H.R.405 Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act

Title: To authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Heller, Dean](#) [NV-2] (introduced 1/9/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

H.R.411 Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2009

Title: To assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations.

Sponsor: [Rep Inslee, Jay](#) [WA-1] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (7)

Related Bills: [S.529](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R.503 Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2009

Title: To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption.

Sponsor: [Rep Conyers, John, Jr.](#) [MI-14] (introduced 1/14/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (122)

Related Bills: [S.727](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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H.R.510

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

Sponsor: [Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 1/14/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (49)

Related Bills: [S.632](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/14/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

AGF Commission Position: Support

H.R.551 Sierra Vista Sub-watershed Feasibility Study Act

Title: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed.

Sponsor: [Rep Giffords, Gabrielle](#) [AZ-8] (introduced 1/15/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

H.R.642 Recreational Shooting Protection Act

Title: To provide opportunities for continued recreational shooting on certain Federal public land.

Sponsor: [Rep Flake, Jeff](#) [AZ-6] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.644 Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2009

Title: To withdraw the Tusayan Ranger District and Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (10)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.647

Title: To authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to reimburse State and local governments of the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas for expenses incurred by such a government in designing, constructing, and rehabilitating water projects under the jurisdiction of such Commission.

Sponsor: [Rep Hinojosa, Ruben](#) [TX-15] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

H.R.669 Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act

Title: To prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or other animal species' or human health, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z.](#) [GU] (introduced 1/26/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (30)

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.699 Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009

Title: To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Rahall, Nick J., II](#) [WV-3] (introduced 1/27/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (31)

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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H.R.715 Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009

Title: To expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 1/27/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

H.R.1018 Restore Our American Mustangs Act

Title: To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Rahall, Nick J., II](#) [WV-3] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (6)

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House Reports: [111-177](#)

H.R.1328 Farmland Preservation and Land Conservation Act of 2009

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an unlimited exclusion from transfer taxes for certain farmland and land of conservation value, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Bishop, Timothy H.](#) [NY-1] (introduced 3/5/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1373

Title: To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a resource study along the "Ox-Bow Route" of the Butterfield Overland Trail in the States of Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Boozman, John](#) [AR-3] (introduced 3/6/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1404 F.L.A.M.E.

Title: To authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Rahall, Nick J., II](#) [WV-3] (introduced 3/10/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (15)

Related Bills: [H.RES.281](#), [S.561](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

H.R.1520 Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2009

Title: To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 3/16/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (6)

Latest Major Action: 3/18/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1584 Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2009

Title: To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr.](#) [NJ-6] (introduced 3/18/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (13)

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Latest Major Action: 3/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

H.R.1612 Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009

Title: To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 3/19/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

Latest Major Action: 6/10/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.1684 Preservation of the Second Amendment in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges Act

Title: To preserve the rights granted under second amendment to the Constitution in national parks and national wildlife refuge areas.

Sponsor: [Rep Hastings, Doc](#) [WA-4] (introduced 3/24/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (47)

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1696 Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism Anti-Drilling Act

Title: To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic planning areas.

Sponsor: [Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr.](#) [NJ-6] (introduced 3/24/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Latest Major Action: 3/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.1831 Conservation Easement Incentive Act of 2009

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

Sponsor: [Rep Thompson, Mike](#) [CA-1] (introduced 3/31/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (116)

Related Bills: [S.812](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/31/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1914

Title: To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for the suspension of each provision of the Act during periods of drought with respect to Federal and State agencies that manage Federal river basins that are located in each region affected by the drought.

Sponsor: [Rep Deal, Nathan](#) [GA-9] (introduced 4/2/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 4/13/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

H.R.1916 Migratory Bird Habitat Investment and Enhancement Act

Title: To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to provide for a revised schedule of price increases for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, popularly known as the "**Duck Stamp**", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Dingell, John D.](#) [MI-15] (introduced 4/2/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 16.

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H.R.2062 Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009

Title: To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep DeFazio, Peter A.](#) [OR-4] (introduced 4/23/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (11)

Latest Major Action: 5/13/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2076 Border Security and Responsibility Act 2009

Title: To provide for the establishment of a border protection strategy for the international land borders of the United States, to address the ecological and environmental impacts of border security infrastructure, measures, and activities along the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 4/23/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (18)

Latest Major Action: 5/15/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities.

H.R.2100 "Tri-State"

Title: To provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Mohave Valley, Mohave County, Arizona, administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, for use as a public shooting range.

Sponsor: [Rep Franks, Trent](#) [AZ-2] (introduced 4/27/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 4/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.2188 Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009

Title: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Kratovil, Frank, Jr.](#) [MD-1] (introduced 4/30/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

House Reports: [111-201](#)

H.R.2213

Title: To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

Sponsor: [Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 4/30/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Related Bills: [S.690](#)

Latest Major Action: 5/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

H.R.2288 Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009

Title: To amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.

Sponsor: [Rep Salazar, John T.](#) [CO-3] (introduced 5/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (9)

Latest Major Action: 5/11/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

H.R.2308 Sportsmanship in Hunting Act of 2009

Title: To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals and certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Cohen, Steve](#) [TN-9] (introduced 5/7/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

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H.R.2454 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009

Safe Climate Act

Title: To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

Sponsor: [Rep Waxman, Henry A.](#) [CA-30] (introduced 5/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 7/7/2009 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 97.

House Reports: [111-137](#) Part 1

H.R.2489 AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act

Title: To authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs.

Sponsor: [Rep Herseeth Sandlin, Stephanie](#) [SD] (introduced 5/19/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [S.1078](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2453

Title: To provide for a national biological data center, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Duncan, John J., Jr.](#) [TN-2] (introduced 5/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.2509 Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009

Title: To secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann](#) [AZ-1] (introduced 5/20/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 5/20/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.2565 National Fish Habitat Conservation Act

Title: To conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 5/21/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/16/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.2665 National Centers of Excellence for Regional Smart Growth Planning Act

Title: To establish national centers of excellence for regional smart growth planning, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Matsui, Doris O.](#) [CA-5] (introduced 6/2/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

H.R.2807 America's Wildlife Heritage Act

Title: To sustain fish, plants, and wildlife on America's public lands.

Sponsor: [Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 6/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 6/15/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

AGF Commission Position: Support

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H.R.2944 Southern Arizona Public Lands Protection Act of 2009

Title: To withdraw certain Federal lands and interests located in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, Arizona, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raúl M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 6/18/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 6/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.2996 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Title: Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Dicks, Norman D.](#) [WA-6] (introduced 6/23/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [H.RES.578](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/7/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 98.

House Reports: [111-180](#); **Senate Reports:** [111-38](#)

H.R.2998 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009

National Climate Service Act of 2009

Title: To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

Sponsor: [Rep Waxman, Henry A.](#) [CA-30] (introduced 6/23/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.2454](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/23/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Education and Labor, Science and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3046 Hunting Heritage Protection Act

Title: To recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

Sponsor: [Rep Rehberg, Denny](#) [MT] (introduced 6/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.3050 American Family Farm and Ranchland Protection Act

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitations on the amount excluded from the gross estate with respect to land subject to a qualified conservation easement.

Sponsor: [Rep Blumenauer, Earl](#) [OR-3] (introduced 6/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Latest Major Action: 6/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3135

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional incentives for facilities producing electricity from wind.

Sponsor: [Rep Walz, Timothy J.](#) [MN-1] (introduced 7/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.3165 Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2009

Title: To provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor: [Rep Tonko, Paul D.](#) [NY-21] (introduced 7/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (12)

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2009 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.3173 Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act

Title: To amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

Sponsor: [Rep Biggert, Judy](#) [IL-13] (introduced 7/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (31)

Related Bills: [H.R.48](#), [S.1421](#)

Latest Major Action: 8/19/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.3183 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Title: Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Pastor, Ed](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 7/13/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [H.RES.645](#), [S.1436](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2009 Resolving differences -- Senate actions. Status: Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Dorgan; Byrd; Murray; Feinstein; Johnson; Landrieu; Reed; Lautenberg; Harkin; Tester; Inouye; Bennett; Cochran; McConnell; Bond; Hutchison; Shelby; Alexander; Voinovich.

House Reports: [111-203](#)

H.R.3198 Wildlife Without Borders Authorization Act

Title: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide international wildlife management and conservation programs through the Wildlife Without Borders Program in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Young, Don](#) [AK] (introduced 7/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 7/17/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

H.R.3201 Locatable Mineral Royalty and Reclamation Act of 2009

National Uranium Summit Act

Title: To amend the General Mining Law to provide for a fair return to the public, security of tenure to holders of mining claims and mill sites, and cleanup of abandoned mine lands, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Lamborn, Doug](#) [CO-5] (introduced 7/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 7/17/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.3203 Cleanup of Inactive and Abandoned Mines Act

Title: To promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Lamborn, Doug](#) [CO-5] (introduced 7/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.3302 Community Forestry Conservation Act of 2009

Title: To provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Thompson, Mike](#) [CA-1] (introduced 7/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Related Bills: [S.1501](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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H.R.3381 Protect America's Wildlife Act of 2009

Title: To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to establish additional prohibitions on shooting wildlife from aircraft, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Miller, George](#) [CA-7] (introduced 7/29/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (110)

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.3480 Bear Protection Act of 2009

Title: To conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] (introduced 7/31/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (30)

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3518 Waterfront Brownfields Revitalization Act

Title: To amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide grants for the revitalization of waterfront brownfields, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Slaughter, Louise McIntosh](#) [NY-28] (introduced 7/31/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (28)

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S.22 Striker H.R. 146, Public Lands Omnibus 2009

Title: A bill to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Bingaman, Jeff](#) [NM] (introduced 1/7/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.169](#), [H.R.170](#), [H.R.222](#), [H.R.234](#), [H.R.280](#), [H.R.316](#), [H.R.328](#), [H.R.337](#), [H.R.338](#), [H.R.369](#), [H.R.401](#), [H.R.404](#), [H.R.407](#), [H.R.408](#), [H.R.419](#), [H.R.438](#), [H.R.454](#), [H.R.455](#), [H.R.488](#), [H.R.545](#), [H.R.552](#), [H.R.604](#), [H.R.608](#), [H.R.763](#), [H.R.867](#), [H.R.921](#), [H.R.926](#), [H.R.1109](#), [S.40](#), [S.109](#), [S.110](#), [S.135S.153](#), [S.159](#), [S.183](#), [S.188](#), [S.189](#), [S.190](#), [S.191](#), [S.215](#), [S.217](#), [S.219](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2009 Failed of passage/not agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 282 - 144 (Roll no. 117).

Note: For further action, see [H.R.146](#), which became Public Law 111-11 on 3/30/2009.

S.152 Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2009

Title: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona.

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.197 Crane Conservation Act of 2009

Title: A bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystem of cranes.

Sponsor: [Sen Feingold, Russell D.](#) [WI] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (9)

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Related Bills: [H.R.388](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/9/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.297 Charter and Recreational Fishing Collective Marketing Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Nelson, Bill](#) [FL] (introduced 1/22/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Related Bills: [S.477](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.373

Title: A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal.

Sponsor: [Sen Nelson, Bill](#) [FL] (introduced 2/3/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.409 Southeast Arizona Land Exchange/Resolution Copper

Title: A bill to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Kyl, Jon](#) [AZ] (introduced 2/11/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 6/17/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held.

S.462 Captive Primate Safety Act

Title: A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Boxer, Barbara](#) [CA] (introduced 2/24/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (7)

Related Bills: [H.R.80](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/24/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.477 Fishermen's Collective Marketing Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Nelson, Bill](#) [FL] (introduced 2/25/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Related Bills: [S.297](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.489 Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to authorize hunting under certain circumstances.

Sponsor: [Sen Vitter, David](#) [LA] (introduced 2/26/2009) Co-sponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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S.529 Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2009

Title: A bill to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations.

Sponsor: [Sen Lieberman, Joseph I.](#) [CT] (introduced 3/5/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (7)

Related Bills: [H.R.411](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 117.

Senate Reports: [111-52](#)

S.561 F.L.A.M.E.

Title: A bill to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Bingaman, Jeff](#) [NM] (introduced 3/10/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (14)

Related Bills: [H.R.1404](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/21/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

AGF Commission Position: Support

S.632 Firearms Fairness and Affordability Act

Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

Sponsor: [Sen Baucus, Max](#) [MT] (introduced 3/18/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (8)

Related Bills: [H.R.510](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/18/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

AGF Commission Position: Support

S.655 Teaming with Wildlife Act, 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to ensure adequate funding for conservation and restoration of wildlife, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen. Johnson, Tim](#) [SD] (introduced 3/19/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (5)

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

AGF Commission Position: Support

S.690

Title: A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

Sponsor: [Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L.](#) [MD] (introduced 3/25/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (6)

Related Bills: [H.R.2213](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.720 Federal Land REPAIR Act

Title: A bill to provide a source of funds to carry out restoration activities on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Udall, Mark](#) [CO] (introduced 3/26/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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S.724

Title: A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to temporarily prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from considering global climate change as a natural or manmade factor in determining whether a species is a threatened or endangered species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Barrasso, John](#) [WY] (introduced 3/26/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.727 Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption.

Sponsor: [Sen Landrieu, Mary L.](#) [LA] (introduced 3/26/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (16)

Related Bills: [H.R.503](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.783 COAST Anti-Drilling Act

Title: A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic planning areas.

Sponsor: [Sen Menendez, Robert](#) [NJ] (introduced 4/2/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.796 Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009

Title: A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Bingaman, Jeff](#) [NM] (introduced 4/2/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 7/14/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

S.812 Rural Heritage Conservation Extension Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

Sponsor: [Sen Baucus, Max](#) [MT] (introduced 4/2/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

Related Bills: [H.R.1831](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.816 Preservation of the Second Amendment in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges Act

Title: A bill to preserve the rights granted under second amendment to the Constitution in national parks and national wildlife refuge areas.

Sponsor: [Sen Crapo, Mike](#) [ID] (introduced 4/2/2009) [Co-sponsors](#) (14)

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1061 Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund Reauthorization Act of 2009

Title: A bill to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund and to direct the Secretary of Energy to provide a plan for the re-enrichment of certain uranium tailings.

Sponsor: [Sen Brown, Sherrod](#) [OH] (introduced 5/18/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.2471](#)

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Latest Major Action: 5/18/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1078 America View Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act

Title: A bill to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs.

Sponsor: [Sen Johnson, Tim](#) [SD] (introduced 5/19/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.2489](#)

Latest Major Action: 8/5/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.1214 National Fish Habitat Conservation Act

Title: A bill to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Lieberman, Joseph I.](#) [CT] (introduced 6/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Related Bills: [H.R.2565](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/9/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

AGF Commission Position: Support

S.1255 Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Schumer, Charles E.](#) [NY] (introduced 6/11/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.1584](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.1348 Hunting Heritage Protection Act

Title: A bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

Sponsor: [Sen Chambliss, Saxby](#) [GA] (introduced 6/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (12)

Latest Major Action: 6/25/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1421 Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act

Title: A bill to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

Sponsor: [Sen Levin, Carl](#) [MI] (introduced 7/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

Related Bills: [H.R.48](#), [H.R.3173](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1453 Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023.

Sponsor: [Sen Bingaman, Jeff](#) [NM] (introduced 7/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Related Bills: [H.R.2288](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

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S.1501 Community Forestry Conservation Act of 2009

Title: A bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Murray, Patty](#) [WA] (introduced 7/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Related Bills: [H.R.3302](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1535 Protect America's Wildlife Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to establish additional prohibitions on shooting wildlife from aircraft, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Feinstein, Dianne](#) [CA] (introduced 7/29/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1570 Elimination of Double Subsidies for the Hardrock Mining Industry Act of 2009

Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Feingold, Russell D.](#) [WI] (introduced 8/4/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 8/4/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.1575

Title: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that excess oil and gas lease revenues are distributed in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Udall, Mark](#) [CO] (introduced 8/4/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 8/4/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1579 Restore Our American Mustangs Act

Title: A bill to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Byrd, Robert C.](#) [WV] (introduced 8/5/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 8/5/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1602

Title: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that excess oil and gas lease revenues are distributed in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Udall, Mark](#) [CO] (introduced 8/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 8/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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